

ST. A'S NEWS

Remember in prayer

Kenny Barner, Bert, Bev, Charlotte Birchard, Cara, Christine, Christy, Craig, Paul Davis, Kelly DelGaizo, Rev. Downey, Bill Elliott, John Fleming, Karen Fry, Jack Gracie, Melissa Grettler, John Griffin, Jack Grippe, Patti Havrilla, Dorothy Ickes, John, Kelly, Eileen Knepshield, Lil, Linda, Mary, Michelle Means, David Nicolls, Jean Plesea, John Reibel, Lou Salzer, Peggy Schenck, Don Schruers, Bill Sibbald, Dondra & Troy, Anita Szymanski, Doug Trabert, Victoria, Sue, Susan, Sue Wendell, Tony Williams, Victims of War

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

greetings to:

- 5/6 Mike Costa
- 5/8 Jane Howard
- 5/19 Paul Davis
- 5/30 Sallie Kotzman

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants. as they begins another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen they trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thank You!

Also a big Thank You to all those who help to bring you information on our Facebook page, New Website, and the Newsletter.

[The Bible Project](#)

-Outreach-

- ❖ Thank you to all who donated to ERD. We collected \$330.
- ❖ The Bishop's committee authorized a \$300 donation to the Edinboro Food Pantry for the Feed the Lambs and \$300 to World Concerns to help treat 586 Kenyan children suffering from parasite infestations.
- ❖ We will be suspending food collections for the Pennwest Edinboro student food pantry over the summer and resume the collection in the fall. Thanks to all who donated.
- ❖ **Social Knitworking/Makers:** Thursday May 2, 10am, Thursday May 16, 7pm. For more information contact Pam Ostrander.
- ❖ Friendship Quilt Group meeting Monday, May, 20 at 1pm

-News of Note-

- ❖ Our organ has received some much needed TLC recently but we still have a ways to go to bring it to its full potential. Hopefully we will have all of the repairs and tuning completed this summer.
- ❖ Our annual spring church clean up is scheduled for June 8.
- ❖ The church building no longer has WiFi/internet or a working phone. Those will be working at the church are encouraged to bring their cell phones with them.
- ❖ Chair Yoga Class - a gentle practice utilizing a chair for support & balance. Wednesdays May 22, 29 & June 5, 12. 10:00 - 11:00 a.m
- ❖ We can always use a few more LEM's to help with the Sunday services. If you are interest in becoming a LEM please contact Fr. Dave.

-Views From the Pews-

A Newborn's Conversation with God

A baby asked God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?"

God said, "Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy.."

God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you. And you will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

Again the small child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?"

God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?"

God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

"Who will protect me?"

God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life."

"But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore."

God said, "Your angel will always talk to you about Me and will teach you the way to come back to Me, even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

God said, "You will simply call her, " Mom ."

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The Lectionary

Sunday May 5

[Acts 10:44-48](#)

[1 John 5:1-6](#)

[John 15:9-17](#)

[Psalm 98](#)

Sunday May 12

[Acts 1:15-17, 21-26](#)

[1 John 5:9-13](#)

[John 17:6-19](#)

[Psalm 1](#)

Sunday May 19

Day of Pentecost

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

or [Ezekiel 37:1-14](#)

[Romans 8:22-27](#)

or [Acts 2:1-21](#)

[John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15](#)

[Psalm 104:25-35, 37](#)

Sunday May 26

Trinity Sunday

[Isaiah 6:1-8](#)

[Romans 8:12-17](#)

[John 3:1-17](#)

[Psalm 29](#)

or [Canticle 13](#) (or Canticle 2)

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Let Us Pray:

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with *thy* most gracious favor, and further us with *thy* continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in *thee*, we may glorify *thy* holy Name, and finally, by *thy* mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

-A Good Read-



You can find the book online at:

[Triftbooks](#)

[Amazon](#)

When a painful loss or life-shattering event upends your world, here is the first thing to know: there is nothing wrong with grief. “Grief is simply love in its most wild and painful form,” says Megan Devine. “It is a natural and sane response to loss.”

So, why does our culture treat grief like a disease to be cured as quickly as possible?

In *It's OK That You're Not OK*, Megan Devine offers a profound new approach to both the experience of grief and the way we try to help others who have endured tragedy. Having experienced grief from both sides—as both a therapist and as a woman who witnessed the accidental drowning of her beloved partner—Megan writes with deep insight about the unspoken truths of loss, love, and healing. She debunks the culturally prescribed goal of returning to a normal, “happy” life, replacing it with a far healthier middle path, one that invites us to build a life alongside grief rather than seeking to overcome it.

-Vicar's Note-

When we read the Gospels it is clear that miracles were happening wherever Jesus went. Jesus was healing the sick, casting out demons and was in full control of the forces of nature. The world was being turned upside down with the news of the Jesus' proclamations and resurrection. One can only imagine what it must have been like to have been a witness to these things.

A short time after Jesus' ascension, the day of Pentecost happened and the apostles took to the streets to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God and that the belief in Jesus gives one eternal life. How exciting that day must have been. People from all over the known world heard the story of Jesus and witnessed the teachings of the apostles.

Jump ahead to today. It has been nearly 2,000 years since Jesus was on the earth with us. Does his message of Good News still have the same power today as it did when he was here? Do people still flock to places to hear his words? Do miracles still happen? Does the Holy Spirit that drove the apostles into the streets on the day of Pentecost still drive people to testify to the power of God in their lives?

While it may seem like Jesus and his teachings are old news and the Holy Spirit has left the planet, I would say these are only perceptions and not reality. Jesus promised he would be with us to the end of time and that the Holy Spirit would comfort and lead us in our daily journeys. While the excitement of being in the presence of Jesus while he was here on earth has diminished some, the joy we have in knowing his message will never fade. The truth of God's love for His creation is the same today as in the beginning, the power of Jesus' words still change lives and the presence of the Holy Spirit continues to comfort and guide us. May each of us experience the joy of knowing Jesus and the Holy Spirit each day of our lives and may that joy empower us to share the Good News of Jesus with all that we encounter.

Peace, Fr. Dave +